# Indiana Lake Michigan Coastal Program Coastal & Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP)

# Guidance Document and Application Materials







#### Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program FY 2008 Proposal Guidance

The following guidance details how applications should be packaged and the applicable review criteria.

#### **Introduction:**

The Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP) was established "for the purpose of protecting important coastal and estuarine areas that have significant conservation, recreation, ecological, historical, or aesthetic values, or that are threatened by conversion from their natural or recreational state to other uses." The Program gives priority to lands that can be effectively managed and protected, provide public access to coastal and estuarine resources, and have significant ecological value.

NOAA has been directed for FY 2007 by Congress to develop a prioritized list of projects to be ready and eligible for funding under the CELCP in FY 2008. NOAA is seeking applications for review, ranking, and possible nomination by panel participants to NOAA's competitive process. The Indiana LMCP has drafted a state CELC plan to take advantage of this and future land acquisition funding and it will be used to guide review and ranking of applications submitted in response to NOAA's request for project proposals.

Project proposals should identify and discuss the project's primary focus and in addition describe all other relevant conservation, recreation, ecological, historical, and aesthetic values, and discuss threats of conversion of the project from its natural or recreational state to other uses. The proposals should also detail how the project will be completed in a timely manner, existing and proposed uses of the property, and how the project site will be managed in the future for long-term qualifications.

The Indiana LMCP is soliciting project proposals from our partners in the Coastal Area. The LMCP may select and submit to NOAA up to three project proposals with a requested funding level not to exceed \$3,000,000 per project.

Funding for selected projects is contingent upon availability of Federal appropriations for fiscal year 2008. It is anticipated that approximately 20-60 projects may be included on a competitively-ranked list for all state and territory coastal programs. If funding is appropriated in FY 2008 for projects recommended through this competition, NOAA will request final grant applications from successful applicants as soon as feasible in order to expedite the grant process. LMCP staff will work with successful applicants to complete the final applications.

#### For Further Information Regarding the Application Process Please Contact:

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Or

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#### A. Project/Grant Award Period:

The standard financial assistance award period is 18 months, and may be extended an additional 18 months if circumstances warrant, but may not exceed three years. Projects must be completed by September 30, 2010.

#### Project Applications must be submitted no later than October 16, 2006.

Projects can be delivered in person to:

**LMCP** 

Indiana Dunes State Park Annex Office 1600 North 25 East Chesterton, IN 46204

Or

Electronically to: <a href="mailto:coastal@dnr.in.gov">coastal@dnr.in.gov</a>

If you submit an application in electronic format it must contain all the requisite information including a project area map.

#### B. Eligible Applicants:

The following are eligible applicants:

- Units of local government, such as municipalities, townships, counties, towns, and villages
- Area-wide agencies, including county and regional planning agencies
- State agencies
- State colleges, universities, and other State institutions of higher learning
- Conservancy districts and port authorities
- Basin commissions

#### C. Use of CELCP Funds:

Funding under the CELCP is to be used to protect important coastal and estuarine areas with significant values or that are threatened by conversion, and that can be effectively managed. CELCP funds provide support for land acquisition (fee simple interests or conservation easements) from willing sellers.

#### D. Project Requirements for Eligibility of CECLP Funding

In order to be eligible to compete, a project must:

- Be located within Indiana's coastal watershed boundary as defined in the CELCP guidelines;
- Match Federal CELCP funds with non-Federal funds at a ratio of 1:1;
- Be held in public ownership and provide conservation in perpetuity;
- Provide for public access or other public benefit, as appropriate and consistent with resource protection; and

• Be consistent with the Indiana LMCP approved under the CZMA.

#### **Project Cost Requirements**

An appraisal will be required when a grant application is made to NOAA for projects that have been selected for funding. The negotiated price of the property or conservation easement should be based on the fair market value determined by an independent appraisal conducted by a state-approved appraiser. Independent appraisals must reflect nationally recognized appraisal standards including the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisition (the "Yellow Book"). If an appraisal has not been completed at the time a project proposal is submitted, the applicant may propose a good-faith estimate of the cost for the project based on market value or agreement with the willing seller. However, if the project is selected for funding, the amount of the grant cannot exceed the estimated cost in the project application.

#### E. Eligible CELCP Projects

CELCP funds may be used for the following purposes:

- Acquisition of properties or interests in properties (conservation easements) from willing sellers, including direct expenses relating to the acquisition of lands under the CELCP;
- Direct and indirect costs for administering the grant award (up to the equivalent of 5% of the Federal share), including time spent by staff directly involved in project planning, implementation and review, and certain initial costs for land stewardship incurred during the award period to allow for signage, public safety, or other stewardship purposes. If an application includes indirect costs, the total dollar amount of the proposed indirect costs must not exceed the indirect cost rate negotiated and approved by a cognizant Federal agency.

#### **Ineligible Projects:**

CELCP funds may not be used for the following purposes:

- Funding long-term operations, maintenance, and management of the land (above those costs allowed for initial land stewardship);
- Construction of buildings, boat launching facilities, docks or piers, shoreline armoring, or other facilities;
- Research:
- Outreach and education;
- Acquisition of lands, or interests in lands, that completely restrict access to specific persons (e.g. non-residents of a community);
- Acquisition of lands, or interests in lands, to comply with mandatory or compensatory
  mitigation for recent or pending habitat losses resulting from the actions of agencies,
  organizations, companies, or individuals;
- The sole or primary purpose of enforcing fish, wildlife, or other regulations, except when necessary for the accomplishment of approved project purposes;
- Acquisition of land for active recreation, such as sports facilities, water parks, playgrounds, or similar uses; and
- Reimbursement of expenses that have been incurred prior to the start of a grant award.

#### F. CELCP Project/Award Criteria

#### **National Criteria**

To meet the CELCP's national criteria, projects should:

- Protect important coastal and estuarine areas that have significant conservation, recreation, ecological, historical, or aesthetic values, or that are threatened by conversion from their natural or recreational state to other uses;
- Give priority to lands that can be effectively managed and protected and that have significant ecological value;
- Directly advance the goals, objectives, or implementation of the Indiana LMCP.

#### **State Criteria**

To meet State Project Criteria, the Project must meet at least one of the following conditions:

- Expand existing managed areas
  - a. Property must be adjacent to existing managed area
  - b. Property must be managed for similar passive recreation use/resource protection
  - c. Must be high quality habitat
- Create connectivity/buffer existing natural areas
  - a. Property must be adjacent to existing managed area
  - b. Property must be managed for similar passive recreation use
- Priority category that include 200 ft buffer along Lake Michigan
  - a. In keeping with Marquette principles (a comprehensive plan for the Lake Michigan Shoreline, to the eastern boundary of Portage)
  - b. Property must be managed for resource protection/public access
- Included/identified in existing Natural Resource Management Plan for resource protection value either at the local or regional level
- Migratory Bird Habitat
  - a. Must be identified as such by the Audubon/Bird Conservation Alliance and
  - b. Managed for resource protection/passive recreational use only
- Identified in Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) as:
  - a. providing increase public access;
  - b. providing new passive recreation; and
  - c. include resource management plan
- Included in Inventory of Cultural and Historic Resources
  - a. Property must be listed in LMCP Inventory of Cultural and Historic Resources
  - b. Property must have a significant tie to coastal culture and history
- Area identified in Indiana Biodiversity Initiative (IBI) project as high threat of conversion
  - a. IBI for the Coastal Region identified areas at risk of conversion from natural state. Project must protect property from conversion that degrades natural resource
  - b. Project must provide long term protection from conversion.

#### **Coastal Areas of Significance**

CELCP projects must address at least one of the Coastal Areas of Significance identified by the Indiana LMCP within the Coastal Area defined as:

- o Areas of unique, scarce, fragile, or vulnerable habitats;
- Areas of historical significance, cultural value, or substantial recreational value or opportunity;
- Areas of high natural productivity or essential habitat for living resources, including fish, wildlife, endangered species, and the various trophic levels in the food web critical to their well-being;
- Areas needing protection, maintaining, or to replenish coastal lands or resources including coastal flood plains, aquifers and their recharge areas, sand dunes, and offshore sand deposits;
- Areas where development and facilities are dependent upon the use of, or access to, coastal waters or areas of unique features for industrial, or commercial uses, or dredge spoil disposal;
- Areas where if development were permitted, it might be subject to significant hazard due to storm, slides, flood, erosion, and settlement.

#### **G.** Match Requirements:

The required match is 1:1 Federal to State or Local. In-kind contributions may include the value of other lands or easements acquired by the grant recipient or donated to the recipient; donated land value (i.e., a "bargain sale" of a property at a price less than full appraised value); or services such as on-site remediation, restoration, enhancement, or donated labor and supplies provided that the in-kind contributions are necessary and reasonable to accomplish the objectives of the project. Such in-kind contributions must be identified in the project application, be completed by the end of the financial assistance award period, and documented as part of the completed project (in the final performance report).

In-kind contributions may also include the value of lands or easements acquired or donated within 3 years prior to submission of the grant application ("banked match"), as described in section 2.7.c. of the CELCP guidelines. For projects funded as a result of this competition, final grant applications would be due to NOAA sometime between January and June of 2008. Therefore, for the purposes of this competition, "banked match" must be incurred no earlier than January through June of 2005, depending on the anticipated date of application.

Lands or easements that are used as match must be:

- Held by the grant recipient. Lands owned by another agency or organization ("3<sup>rd</sup> party") may be used if a conservation easement is provided to the grant recipient, but in such cases, the donated value would be based on the value of the conservation easement. Lands held by third parties are not eligible as match if the grant recipient does not have a legal interest in the property that can be used to bind the property to the terms of the grant;
- In the vicinity of the property being acquired with CELCP funds or be substantially related in terms of conservation values or have other direct physical or strategic objective connections to the CELCP property; and

- Meet the eligibility criteria, ownership and stewardship conditions described in sections 2.3-2.6 of the guidelines.
- Lands or easements that are used as match are not required as compensatory mitigation.

#### H. Project Submittal Requirements:

#### REQUIRED ELEMENTS (for each project proposal)

- <u>Project Description/Scope of Work.</u> (Appendix A) The following information (1)should be provided for the project site and any parcel that is to be used as match. The Project Description/Scope of Work should include information on the project site's size, location, and relationship to coastal or estuarine features, environmental significance, the legal rights to be acquired, and any conversion threats to the property. The Project Description should specify: the primary purpose of the project (i.e., ecological, conservation, recreation, aesthetic, or historic); how the proposed project meets the state and national criteria and its expected benefits in terms of coastal and estuarine land conservation; what pre-existing uses exist on the property and the nature of those uses; what type of activities are planned for the project site; and how the activities are consistent with the long-term protection of the site's ecological or other values. The project description should also describe a strategy for long-term stewardship, including information on how maintenance and enforcement against illegal uses will be supported. Finally, the project description should specify a proposed award period for the grant, and include a project timeline with discrete benchmarks for completing the project within the requested award period. The Project Description/Scope of Work should also include photographs (2-15) of the project site that document the values described in the text of this Element. See the suggested template in Appendix A of this announcement.
- (2) Project Budget and Justification of Proposed Costs. (Appendix B) The project budget should include a breakdown of project costs and justification. See the suggested template in Appendix B of this announcement. Land acquisition costs should be based on appraised value or other estimate of fair market value. Section 2.5 of the CELCP guidelines outlines eligible and ineligible uses of CELCP funds. The project budget should also specify whether this project has been submitted in application for other sources of federal funding, and if, so which federal program(s) and year(s).
- (3) Project Checklist. (Appendix C) The Project Checklist supports NOAA in complying with requirements under NEPA and includes questions that will enable NOAA to determine if a project may have any adverse impacts and whether additional information maybe required by the requirements of applicable federal laws, regulations or policies. The project checklist can be found in the Funding Opportunities section of the CELCP website at <a href="http://coastalmanagement.noaa.gov/land/celcp\_fundingop.html">http://coastalmanagement.noaa.gov/land/celcp\_fundingop.html</a> and in Appendix C of this announcement.
- (4) <u>Project Location and Site Maps.</u> Two maps should be submitted: (1) A regional map showing the general location of the project and; (2) A map of the project site, showing the

location and extent of the proposed acquisition and its relationship to significant natural features as well as adjacent land uses.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL ELEMENTS (Required for full application if approved)

The supplemental elements are not required with this proposal, but if the project is selected and funded, these elements and other forms would be required at the time a grant application is submitted to NOAA or before grant funds can be released (see section 4.4 of the final CELCP guidelines, June 2003).

- (1) <u>Documentation of Willingness or Intent to Sell.</u> If available, the applicant should submit documentation of any option agreement, signed contract, or letter documenting that a seller is willing to consider or has accepted an offer to purchase, as described in Section 4.2.f. of the CELCP guidelines.
- (2) <u>Appraisal.</u> If available, the applicant should submit a self-contained appraisal documenting the cost of the property. The appraisal must be developed in accordance with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice, which can be found on the internet at <a href="http://www.appraisalfoundation.org/s">http://www.appraisalfoundation.org/s</a> appraisal/sec.asp?CID=3&DID=3 and the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisition ("Yellow Book"), which can be found on the internet at <a href="http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/land-ack/">http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/land-ack/</a>.
- (3) Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement. (Optional) If available, the applicant should submit any environmental assessment or environmental impact statement that has been done for the project site.
- (4) <u>Site Survey/Plat Map</u>. If available, the applicant should submit a survey plat of the project site.
- (5) Evidence of Title. If available, the applicant should submit documentation that shows that the seller is the legal owner of the property and identifies any easements or other encumbrances on the property to be acquired. Examples of such documentation include an attorney title opinion or property report from a title insurance company.

#### . Project Scoring and Selection

The Indiana LMCP will use the following scoring criteria in evaluating projects submitted for the CELCP funding. The following criteria are a mix of the Federal Evaluation Criteria and State level criteria as identified by the CELCP Technical Workgroup in 2005-06. The total possible score for a project is 150, however 40 points of this score is considered "bonus" for meeting state side criteria. As this program is competitive at the Federal level the main emphasis is on meeting the Federal Criteria. The bonus criteria are employed to par down entries from the initial number of applications received to the maximum number of state submittals allowed (3). In addition, the state level criteria are used to help focus project development and submittal to meet as many important state criteria as possible.

#### Federal Evaluation Criteria for Projects: 110 Points Possible

## I. Importance and/or relevance of proposed project to the program goals. (55 points out of 110)

Projects will be reviewed and ranked according to the degree to which they:

- Protect important coastal, and estuarine areas that have significant conservation, recreation, ecological, historical/cultural, or aesthetic values;
- Support their primary purpose (whether conservation, recreation, ecological, etc.), as well as the degree to which they contribute to the other values; and,
- Advance the priorities within Indiana's draft CELC plan and the goals, objectives, or implementation of the LMCP management plan approved under the CZMA

Priority will be given to projects that:

- Protect lands with significant ecological value; and
- Advance the priorities within Indiana's draft CELC plan or the Indiana LMCP approved under the CZMA.

Each applicant should identify the primary purpose of the project as being protection of ecological, conservation, recreational, and/or aesthetic, historic value. A description of the five purposes follows. The other four values will be evaluated as secondary purposes of the project. Applicants should also describe the values provided by any lands proposed for use as in-kind match. For large parcels or projects, for which the CELCP \$\$ is only a portion, please describe the characteristics of the portion of the property or project area that would be acquired with CELCP funding.

**Ecological value** will be evaluated by the degree to which a project exhibits such features as: exceptional natural habitat quality and species diversity; linkages within an ecological corridor or protection of a large area of unfragmented habitat; provides habitat for threatened or endangered species; supports ecological functions (such as filtering pollutants or flood control); or whether the site is altered by the presence of invasive species, etc. The CELCP authority specifies that

priority be given to projects that protect lands with significant ecological value, so this element will receive a higher weighting than the other four values described below.

In order for this criterion to be evaluated, applicants should describe:

- The different habitat types that are found on the project site (e.g. upland forest, scrub/shrub, fields), provide information on the habitat quality, including any impairments such as invasive/exotic species, and provide estimated acreages for the different habitat types;
- The ecological importance of the acquisition for the region, particularly in relation to coastal and estuarine resources and ecosystems; and (For example, discuss the species diversity on the project site, and/or if the site contains habitat of specific importance to the region, and/or if protecting the site is an important part of protecting ecological connections in the region. If the project site is part of a network of existing or proposed protected areas, describe how the project will enhance linkages among ecologically important areas in the region.)
- How the habitat supports, or may support, federal or State listed, threatened or endangered species. (For example, does the site provide enough acreage to support a viable population of an endangered species or will it enhance existing protected areas that already provide habitat for a viable population of an endangered species?)

Conservation value will be evaluated by the degree to which a project: helps attain the goals of a larger conservation plan or comprehensive plan, even though it may not currently exhibit high intrinsic ecological, recreational value or other values (for example, migratory corridors, setbacks or stream buffers, etc.); has potential to contribute significantly to ecological, recreational or other values if restored; exhibits a strong mix of ecological, recreation, historic and aesthetic values that collectively contribute important benefits to the coastal and estuarine environment that are not provided by those values individually, etc.

In order for this criterion to be evaluated, applicants should describe:

- How the property fits within a larger conservation plan, such as Indiana's draft CELC plan or LMCP coastal management plan;
- How acquisition of the site will help establish corridors and/or linkages among areas
  of significant conservation, ecological, recreational or aesthetic values that are
  already protected;
- Whether restoration is planned for the site and the potential for successfully restoring
  the site's ecological values if the site's ecological values are impaired due to
  circumstances that have affected the site's integrity, (such as invasive/exotic species
  and/or other alterations such as dikes or clearing for agricultural and silivicultural
  uses);
- Whether the project exhibits a mix of ecological, recreation, historic and aesthetic values that together contribute important benefits to the coastal and estuarine environment that are not provided by those values individually.

**Recreational value** will be evaluated by the degree to which a project provides opportunities for public access to and/or recreational enjoyment of the coast, and supports plans for addressing public access and coastal recreation needs.

In order for this criterion to be evaluated, applicants should describe:

- The property's significance or contribution with regard to coast-dependent or naturebased recreation and whether the project supports priorities for recreational access identified in Indian's draft CELC plan or other assessment of needs for coastal recreation;
- Whether the coastal access is located in an area of determined need at the local, regional, or national level; and
- Whether the project site will be easily accessible to many people and/or whether there will be any limits on accessibility for recreation; for example only allowing guided tours or having the site open only at certain times of the year.

**Historic value** will be evaluated by the degree to which a project contains significant historical, cultural, or archaeological features, particularly related to historical or traditional use of the coastal and estuarine environment, such as a site or landscape that is: listed in, or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places; designated or eligible for designation as a National Historic Landmark; or designated by State or local government.

In order for this criterion to be evaluated, applicants should:

- Describe historical, cultural, or archaeological features of significant value, for example, features that are designated or could be designated as a National Historical Landmark or are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, or a State or Local Register of Historic places. Please include information about any formal designation the site has received.
- If applicable, explain whether the site contains evidence of historical, cultural, or archaeological features that have not been formally evaluated.

**Aesthetic value** will be evaluated in terms of the degree to which a project protects scenic vistas looking toward or from the site, or protects sites designated as scenic byways or scenic rivers, or other State or locally designated cultural landscapes

In order for this criterion to be evaluated, applicants should describe:

- The views to be preserved by this acquisition and the contribution this property makes to the surrounding area;
- Whether the project protects a site designated nationally as a scenic byway or wild and scenic river or provides a buffer adjacent to a nationally designated site or provides a buffer for these designated areas;
- Whether the project supports a local or state designated scenic route, river trail, or other cultural landscape; and
- Any other significant contribution(s) this property makes to the aesthetic character of the surrounding area.

#### Relevance to Indiana draft CELCP or other conservation plans:

Projects submitted to NOAA from Indiana are eligible to receive extra credit for how well a project addresses the priorities specified in Indiana's draft CELCP plan. All projects are eligible

to receive credit for how well they address each of the other types of plans or planning efforts described above.

In order to evaluate whether a project advances the priorities within Indiana's draft CELCP plan or the LMCP approved under the CZMA, applicants should describe:

- How the project is part of an integral priority/project area described in Indiana's draft CELC plan, if applicable; and,
- How the project contributes to Indiana's LMCP approved under the CZMA.

#### II. Technical/Scientific Merit (25 points out of 110)

This ascertains whether the approach is technically sound and/or innovative, if the methods are appropriate, and whether there are clear project goals and objectives. For this competition, this means projects will be reviewed and ranked according to the degree to which they:

- Can be effectively managed and protected over the long-term to conserve or restore its ecological, conservation, recreation, aesthetic, or historical/cultural values;
- Are threatened by conversion from their natural or recreational state to other uses; and
- Can be executed within the performance period.

Priority will be given to projects that can be effectively managed and protected.

The degree to which a project can be effectively managed and protected over the long-term will be evaluated in terms of land stewardship and/or need for restoration or enhancement, based on such factors as whether: the land is currently in the desired state for its intended purpose (e.g. land with ecological value does not require restoration, control of invasive species or remediation); surrounding land uses are compatible with long-term conservation of the site's values; and proposed uses of the site are compatible with the primary purpose for which the land is to be protected and will maintain or improve the values present on the site. The CELCP authority specifies that priority be given to projects that can be effectively managed and protected, so "manageability" and "long-term use" will receive a higher weighting than the other two elements described below.

To evaluate the manageability of the property, applicants should describe:

- The current use and/or condition of the site;
- The current or proposed uses of the area surrounding the site (e.g. development plans or uses allowed by zoning);
- Degree of non-native species found in the different habitats on the project site;
- whether any restoration is needed and planned and whether funding has been secured for that purpose; and
- Any environmental remediation that has taken place and/or is needed on the project site.

To evaluate the long-term use of the site, applicants should describe:

- The uses that are proposed for the project site;
- How the uses proposed for the project site are compatible with the primary purpose of the project; and

• How the ecological, conservation, recreation, historic, and aesthetic values present on the project site will be maintained or improved.

Threat of conversion will be evaluated by the degree to which: regional development trends or plans indicate a likelihood that the property will be converted from its natural or recreational state to other uses; the site has development potential or development plans have been approved by local governing or regulatory bodies; the property is on the market (listed for sale) and/or the current owner has expressed an interest in selling or developing the parcel.

To evaluate the threat of conversion, applicants should describe:

- Current development pressures in the project area;
- The development potential of the site, including current zoning and developable area; and
- The current status of the property, such as whether listed for sale and/or whether any subdivision or development plans are pending for the site.

**Project readiness** will be evaluated by the likelihood that a project can be completed during the performance period, including such factors as whether: sites have been identified, the property is on the market and/or negotiations with landowner have resulted in a purchase/sale agreement; appraisal, title opinion and other documentation have been completed or can be produced within the performance period; and the site has any uncertainties (such as liens or judgments) that are not likely to be resolved within the proposed award performance period.

To evaluate project readiness, the applicant should describe:

- Whether parcels or project sites have been identified;
- The stage of discussion with landowners, such as whether preliminary contacts have been made or whether negotiations have resulted (or are likely to result) in a purchase and sale agreement;
- Whether supporting documentation has been completed;
- Whether the property is subject to litigation, liens, judgments or other situations that may affect the likelihood that a project could be completed within the award period; and
- Whether the site has had or currently has contamination or other environmental hazards that must be resolved before it would be suitable for public use.

#### III. Overall Qualifications of Applicants (10 points out of 110) –

This ascertains whether the applicant possesses the necessary education, experience, training, facilities, and administrative resources to accomplish the project. For this competition, this means projects will be evaluated by the degree to which an applicant has the proven capacity (such as staffing, resources, authority and expertise) and experience to execute the land transaction consistent with CELCP guidelines and, directly or through partnerships, to manage property for long-term conservation of its ecological, conservation, recreation, aesthetic, or historical/cultural values, consistent with CELCP guidelines.

To evaluate the applicant's ability to acquire land, applicants should describe:

• The organization's legal authority, personnel and expertise for acquiring lands for longterm conservation, either directly or through partnerships with another organization; and  The organization's previous success in acquiring lands, or interests in lands, for longterm conservation purposes.

To evaluate the applicant's ability to manage land, applicants should describe:

- The organization's capacity, in terms of funding, personnel and expertise to manage the property or whether the property will be managed through a partnership or stewardship agreement with another organization; and
- The organization's success in managing other properties for conservation purposes.

#### IV. Project Costs (20 points out of 110) –

The budget is evaluated to determine if it is realistic and commensurate with the project needs and timeframe. For this competition, this means the budget is evaluated to determine: if land acquisition costs are reasonable and based on an independent appraisal or other assessment of fair market value; if the source of non-Federal matching funds is consistent with CELCP guidelines and is likely to be available within the performance period; and if direct and indirect costs for implementation of the project, if requested, are reasonable and consistent with CELCP guidelines. As the majority of project costs, greater weight will be given to the evaluation of land acquisition costs and matching funds than to other project costs.

To evaluate land acquisition costs, applicants should describe:

- How land acquisition costs were estimated, for example whether based on independent appraisal or upon another assessment of fair market value;
- Any other direct acquisition-related costs, such as appraisal, title opinion, etc., including whether such costs have already been expended
- The source of matching funds and whether they are they are in the form of cash, in-kind, or donated land or land value from properties that enhance the proposed CELCP project.
- Whether matching funds are currently available or expected to be available within the performance period;
- For any property(s) that will be used for match, what values the property contributes, how this property(s) relates, in purpose and physical features, to the property that is proposed for acquisition with the federal share, when the match property was acquired, what legal rights were acquired (whether fee or easement), who holds title to legal rights, and the basis for the purchase price (e.g. whether based on independent appraisal, etc.); and
- Any other administrative costs to be charged to the grant or in-kind services to be used as match to document that they are reasonable and commensurate with the project needs.

For large parcels or projects, for which the requested CELCP funding is only a portion, please explain:

- What portion of the property the CELCP funding would acquire; and
- Whether the project would be viable if funding from other sources did not become available within the grant performance period; (For example, could the project be completed in phases?)

#### V. Outreach and Education (0 points out of 110) -

NOAA assesses whether the project provides a focused and effective and outreach strategy regarding NOAA's mission to protect the Nation's natural resources. This evaluation factor will not be used for this competition.

The selecting official may choose to recommend a proposal out of rank order based upon:

- 1. Availability of funding.
- 2. Geographic distribution of projects and/or funds.
- 3. Program priorities and policy factors as set forth in Section IA and IV.B above.
- 4. Whether this project duplicates other projects funded or considered for funding by NOAA or other Federal agencies.
- 5. Applicant's prior award performance.
- 6. Adequacy of information necessary for NOAA staff to make a NEPA determination and draft necessary documentation before recommendations are made to the grants officer.

#### **State Evaluation Criteria – 40 Points Possible (all bonus)**

The following state evaluation criteria are intended to be the deciding factor as to which projects are forwarded to the federal competitive process. If two projects score the same on the federal criteria then that project that meets the most state criteria would be selected.

To meet State Project Criteria, the Project must meet at least one of the following conditions:

- Expands existing managed areas 8 pts.
  - a. Property must be adjacent to existing managed area
  - b. Property must be managed for similar passive recreation use/resource protection
  - c. Must be high quality habitat
- Creates connectivity/buffer existing natural areas 2 pts.
  - a. Property must be adjacent to existing managed area
  - b. Property must be managed for similar passive recreation use
- Priority category that include 200 ft buffer along Lake Michigan 5 pts.
  - a. In keeping with Marquette principles (a comprehensive plan for the Lake Michigan Shoreline, to the eastern boundary of Portage)
  - b. Property must be managed for resource protection/public access
- Included/identified in existing Natural Resource Management Plan for resource protection value either at the local or regional level 5 pts.
- Identified as Migratory Bird Habitat 5 pts.
  - a. Must be identified as such by the Audubon/Bird Conservation Alliance and
  - b. Managed for resource protection/passive recreational use only
- Identified in Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) 3 pts.
  - a. providing increase public access;
  - b. providing new passive recreation; and
  - c. include resource management plan
- Included in Inventory of Cultural and Historic Resources 5 pts.

- a. Property must be listed in LMCP Inventory of Cultural and Historic Resources
- b. Property must have significant tie to coastal culture and history
- Area identified in Indiana Biodiversity Initiative (IBI) project as high threat of conversion 7 pts.
  - a. IBI for the Coastal Region identified areas at risk of conversion from natural state. Project must protect property from conversion that degrades natural resource values.
  - b. Project must provide long term protection from conversion.

#### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS for APPLICATION**

Note: The three following Appendices must be completed and submitted with the project proposal.

These are part of the Federal Application requirements. The fourth required component for a complete application is a project area map.

Electronic copies of Appendices A-C are available on the LMCP website.

# Appendix A: Suggested format for the Project Description Scope of Work

#### **Title of Project**

#### **Project Description/Scope of Work**

Below is a suggested format for describing a proposed project. The project description should provide information for the parcel(s) to be acquired or for which an easement is being obtained with CELCP, as well as for matching funds. If the non-federal match will be provided through in-kind contribution of another parcel, the project description should also provide information about the match parcel(s).

<u>Project Size and Relationship to the Coast or Estuary</u> – Include the total acreage and length of frontage on coastal waters and/or describe the site's proximity and relationship to a coastal or estuarine area.

#### Legal Rights to Be Acquired

• Describe if the property will be held in fee simple ownership or if a conservation easement and/or public access easement will be acquired.

### <u>CELCP Goals</u>. What values are contained within the proposed project or property to be acquired?

Note: Please identify which ONE of the following values best describes the project's primary purpose for protection under the CELCP – ecological, conservation, recreation, historic, or aesthetic. Please provide any applicable information on how the project contributes to each of these values. Each project will be judged first on how the project furthers its primary purpose and also how well it furthers the other four purposes.

<b>PRIMARY PURPOSE</b> is	
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- 1. **Ecological** Please describe:
  - the different habitat types that are found on the project site (e.g. upland forest, scrub/shrub, fields), provide information on the habitat quality, including any impairments such as invasive/exotic species, and provide estimated acreages for the different habitat types;
  - The ecological importance of the acquisition for the region, particularly in relation to coastal and estuarine resources and ecosystems. For example, discuss the species diversity on the project site, and/or if the site contains habitat of specific importance to the region, and/or if protecting the site is an important part of protecting ecological connections in the region. If the project site is part of a network of existing or proposed protected areas, describe how the project will enhance linkages among ecologically important areas in the region.
  - How the habitat supports, or may support, federal or state listed, threatened or endangered species. For example, does the site provide enough acreage to support a

viable population of an endangered species or will it enhance existing protected areas that already provide habitat for a viable population of an endangered species?

#### 2. **Conservation -** Please describe:

- how the property fits within a larger conservation plan, such as Indiana's draft CELC or LMCP;
- How acquisition of the site will help establish corridors and/or linkages among areas
  of significant conservation, ecological, recreational or aesthetic values that are
  already protected.
- whether restoration is planned for the site and the potential for successfully restoring
  the site's ecological values if the site's ecological values are impaired due to
  circumstances that have affected the site's integrity, (such as invasive/exotic species
  and/or other alterations such as dikes or clearing for agricultural and silivicultural
  uses);
- Whether the project exhibits a mix of ecological, recreation, historic and aesthetic values that together contribute important benefits to the coastal and estuarine environment that are not provided by those values individually.

#### **3. Recreational -** Please describe:

- the property's significance or contribution with regard to coast-dependent or naturebased recreation and whether the project supports priorities for recreational access identified in Indian's CELC plan or other assessment of needs for coastal recreation;
- whether the coastal access is located in an area of determined need at the local, regional, or national level; and
- Whether the project site will be easily accessible to many people and/or whether there will be any limits on accessibility for recreation, for example only allowing guided tours or having the site open only at certain times of the year.

#### 4. Historical -

- Please describe the historical, cultural, or archaeological features of significant value, for example, features that are designated or could be designated as a National Historical Landmark or are listed on the National Register of Historic Places or a State or Local Register of Historic places. Please include information about any formal designation the site has received.
- If applicable, explain whether the site contains evidence of historical, cultural, or archaeological features that have not been formally evaluated.

#### **5. Aesthetic** - Please describe:

- The views to be preserved by this acquisition and the contribution this property makes to the surrounding area;
- Whether the project protects a site designated nationally as a scenic byway or wild and scenic river or provides a buffer adjacent to a nationally designated site or provides a buffer for these designated areas;
- Whether the project supports a local or state designated scenic route, river trail, or other cultural landscape; and

• Any other significant contribution(s) this property makes to the aesthetic character of the surrounding area.

#### Relevance to CELC and Other State/Local Plans

Please describe:

- How the project is part of an integral priority/project area described in Indiana's draft CELC plan, if applicable;
- how the project contributes to Indiana's LCMP management plan approved under the CZMA:
- how the project supports a regional and/or state watershed planning effort; and
- How the project supports a local watershed planning effort.

#### Manageability of the Project Site

Please describe:

- the current use and/or condition of the site;
- the current or proposed uses of the area surrounding the site (e.g. development plans or uses allowed by zoning);
- degree of non-native species found in the different habitats on the project site;
- whether any restoration is needed and planned and whether funding has been secured for that purpose; and
- Any environmental remediation that has taken place and/or is needed on the project site.

#### **Long-term Use of the Site**

Please describe:

- the uses that are proposed for the project site;
- how the uses proposed for the project site are compatible with the primary purpose of the project; and
- How the ecological, conservation, recreation, historic, and aesthetic values present on the project site will be maintained or improved.

#### **Threat of Conversion**

Please describe:

- current development pressures in the project area;
- the development potential of the site, including current zoning and developable area; and
- The current status of the property, such as whether listed for sale and/or whether any subdivision or development plans are pending for the site.

#### **Project Readiness**

Please describe:

- whether parcels or project sites have been identified;
- The stage of discussion with landowners, such as whether preliminary contacts have been made or whether negotiations have resulted (or are likely to result) in a purchase and sale agreement.
- whether supporting documentation has been completed;

- whether the property is subject to litigation, liens, judgments or other situations that may affect the likelihood that a project could be completed within the award period; and
- Whether the site has had or currently has contamination or other environmental hazards that must be resolved before it would be suitable for public use.

#### **Ability to Acquire Land**

Please describe:

- the organization's legal authority, personnel and expertise for acquiring lands for longterm conservation, either directly or through partnerships with another organization; and
- The organization's previous success in acquiring lands, or interests in lands, for long-term conservation purposes.

#### **Ability to Manage Land**

Please describe:

- the organization's capacity, in terms of funding, personnel and expertise to manage the property or whether the property will be managed through a partnership or stewardship agreement with another organization; and
- The organization's success in managing other properties for conservation purposes.

#### **Other Pertinent Information**

• If available, please include photographs of the project site that document the values described above.

#### **Project Timeline**

When NOAA's portion of the 2008 federal budget bill is approved, funded projects (Successful project proposals selected by NOAA through the Indiana LCMP) will need to start between March 1, 2008 and October 1, 2008.

A proposed award period should be included and specify a project timeline with discrete benchmarks for completing the project within the requested award period. The project timeline should assume a start date between March 1, 2008 and October 1, 2008. The standard financial assistance award period is 18 months, and may be extended an additional 18 months if circumstances warrant.

Example: June 1, 2008 – December 31, 2009

Benchmarks: Describe the steps required to bring your project to closure during the timeframe of the award. Include target dates by which you expect to complete each of these steps and close on the property. Examples of benchmarks include:

- Identify site(s) for purchase
- Acquire appraisal, title opinion
- Complete negotiations with landowner(s)
- Submit documentation to NOAA for approval
- Close on property

#### Appendix B: Suggested format for the Project Budget

#### **Title of Project**

#### **Suggested Budget Information Format -**

Below is a suggested format for providing information about the project's budget. Please keep in mind:

- The total budget needs to reflect the 1:1 match requirement.
- Grants from other federal funding sources may not be used to meet state/local match except as allowed by law.
- Match may not have been used previously for any other project.
- If any in-kind match is to be used (including donated land value, staff support or other services, the budget narrative should specify the amount and explain the relevance to the project.
- If the budget includes costs other than purchase price, (such as costs for title opinion, appraisal, environmental assessment, etc.), please explain in the budget narrative.
- The proposed budget should be consistent with the eligibility information described in section III of the Full Funding Opportunity notice.

#### **BUDGET NARRATIVE**

#### **Federal share:**

For the parcel(s) to be acquired with CELCP funds, please describe how the project costs were estimated. Please explain:

- what legal rights will be acquired (fee title or conservation easement);
- The basis for establishing the land acquisition costs. If based on appraised value, please explain when the appraisal was conducted and what appraisal standards were used. If based on market price or other estimate of fair market value, please explain the basis for this estimate; and
- Any other costs included within the requested Federal share of CELCP funding to
  document that they are reasonable costs and necessary for the successful completion of
  the project.

If the requested funding from CELCP is only a portion of the total purchase price of the property, please explain whether or how the project would be viable if remaining funds cannot be secured. For example, could the property be acquired in phases? Would the CELCP funds be used to acquire an easement on a portion of the property?

#### **Non-Federal Matching Funds:**

• Describe the source of matching funds and whether they are they are in the form of cash, in-kind contributions, donated land value (from a bargain sale), or value of lands that were acquired or received as a donation up to 3 years prior to the date of final grant

- application that are substantially related to the property to be acquired with CELCP funding.
- If cash contribution, please discuss whether the funds are currently available or expected to be available within the performance period. What is the source of funding? Have actions been taken to secure the necessary funds within the proposed award period?
- If in-kind contribution of land or donated land value, please explain:
  - whether the property has already been acquired (through purchase or donation) and, if so, when,
  - what legal rights were acquired or will be acquired,
  - who holds title to or will hold title to the property or conservation easement,
  - the distance and physical or strategic connection between the match property and the property(ies) to be acquired with CELCP funds; and
  - The basis for establishing the land acquisition costs or donated land value. If based on appraised value, please explain when the appraisal was conducted and what appraisal standards were used. If based on market price or other estimate of fair market value, please explain the basis for this estimate.
- If other in-kind services such as direct staff support, acquisition-related expenses (such as title, appraisal, etc.) or restoration or remediation of the property to be acquired with CELCP funds, please provide details to document that they are reasonable costs and necessary for the successful completion of the project.

#### Other:

- Will the property be leased or rented? (for example, if already subject to a term lease). If so, please explain how revenues will be used in support of the project.
- Will the public be charged a user fee for access to or activities on the proposed property? If so, please explain how revenues will be used in support of the project.
- Has the proposed project been submitted to or is it currently under consideration by other programs for funding? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_No.

If yes, which program(s) and which fiscal year(s)? Does the funding requested from other programs duplicate or complement the funding requested under CELCP? *Note: This information will enable NOAA to coordinate with the relevant program to avoid duplication if a proposed project is selected and approved for funding by another program in an earlier funding cycle.* 

#### **BUDGET OVERVIEW TABLE – Suggested Format**

If the total cost of the project is greater than the requested CELCP funding (plus required matching funds), please identify the costs associated the full project, including funding from other sources.

Otherwise, please fill out only the CELCP budget table.

Category	Amount (Note if cash or in-kind value of land or services)	Funding Source(s) (Include information from all contributors to the project)	Funds Already Expended? (yes/no) If so, when?
TOTAL Cost:			

(Suggested Categories: Land, Appraisals, Title Opinion, etc...)

#### **CELCP BUDGET TABLE – Suggested Format**

Please identify the costs associated only with requested CELCP funding and required matching funds.

Category	Federal Share from CELCP	State/Local Matching Share	Total	Funding Source (for Non-Federal share) - Note whether funding is from cash or in-kind value of land or services	Funds Already Expended? (yes/no) When?
Land Acquisition	\$	\$	\$		
TOTAL:					

(Suggested Categories: Land, Appraisals, Title Opinion, etc...)

Appendix C:	
Project Application Checklis	st
The project applicant must complete as NOAA, along with the other required a	nd sign this Project Application Checklist and submit it to the application materials.
Applicant and Project Information	
1. State:	Award Number: [provided by NOAA]
2. Project Title:	
3. Project Location (Approximate): (Cit	ty, County, Major Intersections) Congressional District
4. Project Proponent/Applicant (Must b executing the project):	be a public entity at the state or local level responsible for
	CELCP Federal share (requested amt): \$ CELCP State/Local Match Contributions: \$ Other Federal \$ Other Non-Federal \$
PROVIDED IN THIS CHECKLIST ARE ACCURATE; (2) THE RECIPIENT HAS CHECKLIST; AND (3) I UNDERSTAND	HE STATEMENTS MADE AND OTHER INFORMATION , TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, TRUE AND ON FILE THE DOCUMENTS IDENTIFIED IN THIS OTHE CONSEQUENCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE T WILL BE PLACED ON THIS GRANT.
Signature of Applicant	Date
Name of Signatory (please print or type):	
Phone Number:	E-mail

#### **Eligibility of Project**

6. F	Project Eligibility: (Check all that apply)
The	e proposed project:
	is located in a coastal or estuarine area (that has been designated as part of a state's approved coastal and estuarine land conservation (CELC) plan or within a state's coastal watershed boundary);
	matches federal funds with non-federal funds at a ratio of at least 1:1;
	will be held in public ownership and provide conservation in perpetuity;
	will provide for access to the general public, or other public benefit, as appropriate and consistent with resource protection.
	protects important coastal and estuarine areas that have significant conservation, ecological, historical, aesthetic, or recreation values, or that are threatened by conversion from their natural or recreational state to other uses;
	can be effectively managed and protected;
	directly advances the goals, objectives or implementation of state coastal management plan or program or NERR management plan approved under the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA), national objectives of the CZMA, or a local, regional or state watershed protection plan involving coastal states with approved coastal management programs
	is consistent with the state's approved coastal management program.
<u>Laı</u>	nd Acquisition:
7.	Location and Site Maps: Site location maps are attached Yes No
	The applicant should attach a map of the state or coastal county showing the general location of the project, and a map of the project site, which shows the location and extent of the proposed acquisition, as well as relationship to significant natural features (slope, wetlands, dunes, floodplains, access, etc.).
8.	Title Opinion and Appraisal:
	<ul> <li>a. Documentation of the current owner's intent or willingness to sell at a mutually agreeable price is attached. (This documentation may be in the form of a letter of intent, option letter, contract, or similar form.)</li> <li>Yes</li> </ul>
	<b>b.</b> The applicant has obtained and attached an independent appraisal performed by a state certified appraiser. Yes No
	c. A title opinion or title insurance report is attached Yes No

<b>9.</b> ]	Public Benefit:
	<ul> <li>a. The acquisition will be publicly held or under publicly-controlled easement and is for public benefit.</li> <li>The project does not improve private property for private or commercial gain.</li> <li>Yes No</li> </ul>
	<b>b.</b> The property will be accessible to the general public Yes No
	<b>c.</b> If the answer to the question above (10.b) is No, check any of the following reasons that apply and explain why access to the property will be limited.
	Public Safety Resource Protection Geographically Isolated/Inaccessible
	School Outings Only Scientific Research Other (please explain):
	<b>d.</b> The property will be leased or rented Yes No If yes, please explain.
	<ul> <li>e. The public will be charged a user fee for access to or activities on the proposed property.</li> <li>Yes No</li> </ul>
	If Yes, provide a description of the user fee which includes: how much, differential fees (if any), the need for the fees, and proposed use of the revenue.
Col	mpliance with Other Federal Authorities
10.	State Historic Preservation Officer's (SHPO's) Clearance and National Historic Preservation Act:
	a. The project will affect properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places (www.cr.nps.gov/nr/), eligible to be listed, or otherwise protected by section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (www2.cr.nps.gov/laws/NHPA1966.htm) or a similar State Preservation Act Yes No
	<b>b.</b> The Recipient has on file the SHPO's clearance Yes No (If No, the Recipient certifies, by signing this checklist, that the SHPO clearance is being sought and that work will not begin and land will not be purchased until SHPO clearance is received by the Recipient.)

11.	National Flood Insurance Program:
	<b>a.</b> Is the project located in a designated special flood hazard area, floodway or "V" zone on a National Flood Insurance Program Floodway Map (www.fema.gov/maps)? Yes No (If No, go to 11)
	<b>b.</b> Is the community in which the project is located in special flood hazard areas shown on an FIA map is participating in the Flood Insurance Program (www.fema.gov/nfip) Yes No
12.	Coastal Barriers Resource Act: The project is located on an undeveloped coastal barrier designated by the Coastal Barriers Resources Act ( <a href="www.fws.gov/cep/cbrunits.html">www.fws.gov/cep/cbrunits.html</a> ).  Yes No
	If the answer is Yes, provide a brief statement below or attach to this checklist a brief analysis as to how the proposed project is consistent with the three CBRA purposes: to minimize (1) the loss of human life, (2) wasteful federal expenditures, and (3) damage to fish, wildlife and other natural resources.
13.	Endangered Species Act: May the proposed project adversely affect threatened or endangered species or critical habitat under the jurisdiction of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) as defined by the Endangered Species Act? (www.fws.gov/endangered) or (www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/species).  Yes No
	If the answer is No, provide a brief statement below explaining the basis for the conclusion. If the answer to 12 is Yes, provide a description of the adverse effects (minor and significant effects), the species or habitat affected, and any coordination between the state and the USFWS or NMFS. OCRM will not approve a project that USFWS or NMFS has determined will significantly adversely affect threatened or endangered species or critical habitat.
14.	Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.
	Does the proposed project include essential fish habitat for federally managed fish?  Yes No Not yet determined (please explain).
	Could the proposed project have significant adverse impacts on essential fish habitat for federally managed fish? Yes No
15.	National Environmental Policy Act:
	a. The proposed project may significantly affect the human environment.  Yes No

	<b>b.</b> The proposed project involves unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources.
	Yes No
	c. This action would have significant adverse effects on public health and safety.  Yes No
	d. This action will have highly controversial environmental effectsYes No
	e. This action will have highly uncertain environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental impacts Yes No
	<b>f.</b> The project will have significant adverse impacts on other natural resources not covered elsewhere in this checklist, e.g., beaches and dunes, wetlands, estuarine areas, wildlife habitat, wild or scenic rivers, reefs, or other coastal resources Yes No
	g. The project will have insignificant effects when performed separately, but will have significant cumulative effects Yes No
	If the answer to any one subpart of 13. is Yes, then an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) may be required. For items answered Yes, please attach a description of the resource(s) affected and the nature and scope of the effects.
16.	Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisitions Policies Act of 1970. If the proposed project involves the acquisition and/or modernization of real property, will the proposed project cause the displacement of:
	Parsons Vas No
	Persons, Yes No Businesses, or Yes No
	Farm Operations? Yes No
	If yes to any of the above, please explain: the number of displaced persons, including businesses and farm operations; what fair and reasonable relocation payments and advisory services will be provided to any displaced persons; and what provisions will be made to ensure that safe, decent, and sanitary replacement dwellings will be available to such persons within a reasonable period of time prior to displacement.
17.	Handicapped accessibility: Will the proposed project be handicapped accessible?  Yes No N/A
	If No or N/A, provide a brief explanation below (or attach separately) as to why the project does is not required to meet ADA handicapped accessibility requirements.
18.	<b>Environmental Justice.</b> Will the project have disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority or low-income populations? Yes No

19.	<b>State, Local and Tribal Laws.</b> The project is consistent with state, local and tribal laws to protect the environment Yes No
20.	Contamination/Environmental Hazards (CERCLA/RCRA)
	a. Are there any known or suspected contaminants on the project site? Yes No
	If yes, please discuss what type of contamination is on the site, or suspected to be on the site, and the status of clean-up activities.
	<b>b.</b> Has the site been investigated, identified and/or designated as having hazardous waste contamination issues by a federal, state, or local agency (for example superfund site)?
	If yes, please explain the basis for the designation, the status of clean-up activities, and whether there are any legal liens or judgments affecting the property.
21.	Public Coordination
	Has the project for which you propose to use CELCP funds been subject to public scrutiny and coordination through a public notice or other public review process?YesNo
	If "yes", please describe the results of that process and note when the coordination occurred. If "no", please explain.

NOAA is requesting this information in order to adequately assess the eligibility of proposed projects. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to Elaine Vaudreuil, OCRM, 1305 East-West Hwy (N/ORM7), Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. This reporting is authorized under P.L. 107-77 and has been approved under OMB #0000-0000. Information submitted will be treated as public record. Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act unless that collection displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.